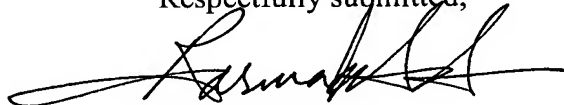


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-24 and 30-32 are pending in this application. Applicant has canceled the remaining claims, which were allowed in parent Application No. 09/981,583.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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